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## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Northern Lights, Inc. Donate Surplus Computer Equipment to Local Schools

Bonneville Power Administration

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Who: Representatives from BPA, Northern Lights, Inc., schools, and elected officials.

**What:** BPA and Northern Lights, Inc. will deliver 4 late model surplus computers to the Thompson Falls Junior High School in Thompson Falls, Montana, and 10 computers to Clark Fork Junior/Senior High School in Clark Fork, Idaho.

When: May 14, 1999

## Where:

- Thompson Falls Junior High School at 306 Haley Street, Thompson Falls, Montana at 10:30 a.m.
- Clark Fork Junior/Senior High School at 121 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clark Fork, Idaho at 1:00 p.m.

**Significance:** As a federal agency, BPA is helping the administration fulfill the mandate of Executive Order 12999, *Education Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for All Children in the Next Century.* The Executive Order allows federal agencies to transfer surplus computers and related peripheral tools (e.g. printers, monitors, etc.) to schools and nonprofit educational organizations. BPA is a self-financed agency. Since BPA purchased computers with revenue generated from electricity sales to its utility customers, it wants to transfer computers to schools in its utility customers' service areas. In essence, that makes Northern Lights, Inc. BPA's partner in this effort. Schools were selected based upon their application to the agency through their utility.

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